

DECISION RECORD

Environmental Assessment (EA) Number: OR-056-00-109

Title: City of Maupin

Serial Number: OR-55835

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office: Prineville

Resource Area: Deschutes

DECISION

I have decided that a municipal sewer and water pipeline right-of-way (ROW) be authorized for 20 feet wide and 1,600 feet length, encompassing .73 acres in Willamette Meridian, T. 5 S., R. 13 E., Section 6, NW1/4SE1/4, Oregon subject to the Plan of Development and mitigation as described below.

This authorization will be made under the authority of Title V of the federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 CFR U.S.C. 1761) and be subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2801 and rental payments as determined by 43 CFR 2803.1-2. The grant also should be subject to the mitigation measures imposed in the EA.

ALTERNATIVES

There were two other alternatives considered. One alternative was to develop a pump station and pump the utilities from private property to Highway 197 and down Highway 197 to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. There would be daily electrical costs associated with this proposal and the City of Maupin does not want to get involved with power costs. This alternative was considered but dismissed because it was not a viable option for the City of Maupin. The other alternative that was analyzed was the no action alternative.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION

The City of Maupin would prefer that these lands be developed in conjunction with a gravity feed sewer delivery facility. According to the City of Maupin, the only available land that would facilitate a gravity feed delivery system is owned by BLM. The City of Maupin wishes to develop the most cost effective sewer and water infrastructure available for new residential development. This ROW would help the City of Maupin to achieve long term economic health for the community.

A public notice was published in the Central Oregonian and The Dalles Chronicle for 30 days. The EA was posted at the Grocery Store and Post Office in Maupin for public review. No comments were received.

In the Two Rivers Resource Management Plan, dated April 1985, page 17 states, "Public lands will continue to be available for rights-of-way, including multiple use and single use utility/transportation corridors following existing routes, communication sites, and roads." The plan further states, "Applications will be reviewed on an individual basis for conformance with the Two Rivers RMP/EIS so as to minimize conflicts with other resources or users."

The request to install a gravity feed municipal sewer and water pipeline is reasonable and is allowable under the Two Rivers Resource Management Plan, dated April 1985.

MONITORING

Monitoring will occur throughout the term of the right-of-way grant. Monitoring could also occur during the construction process.

STIPULATIONS

- The disturbed area will be seeded with a native seed mixture consisting of bottlebrush squirreltail, bluebunch wheatgrass, tall bluegrass, and Sand dropseed at a rate determined by the authorized officer.
- The City of Maupin will work with Wasco County and BLM noxious weed control officers to insure control of any weed populations in a timely fashion.
- The City of Maupin is responsible for any cleanup, treatment, or disposal of hazardous materials spilled, used, or drained on BLM managed lands.
- S If the City of Maupin does not obtain easements from private property owners, the right-of-way grant would be terminated.

/s/ Marci Todd
Marci Todd
Acting Field Manager

11/28/00
Date

Attachment:
Map